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Pursuant to New Hampshire's security breach notification law, we are writing to notify your office that on November 26, 2008, the laptop of a Merrill Lynch employee was stolen from the Merrill Lynch Tacoma, Washington Office. The theft was reported to law enforcement authorities.

The personal information on the computer may have included the following information for one (1) Merrill Lynch client who is a resident of New Hampshire: Merrill Lynch account number, client name, Social Security number, address, telephone number and e-mail address. It is important to note that passwords and/or PINs were not resident on the laptop.

We do not have any indication that the information has been or will be improperly used. A letter of notification will be delivered to the New Hampshire resident affected by this incident on or about December 16, 2008.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. David Montague".